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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 15th to 20th meetings, on 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 October 2009, and held a general debate on the item at its 16th to 20th meetings, on 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 October (see A/C.4/64/SR.15-20).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on support to African Union peacekeeping operations authorized by the United Nations (A/64/359-S/2009/470);

(b) Letter dated 7 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/64/494);

(c) Letter dated 21 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.4/64/8).

4. At the 15th meeting, on 23 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support made statements (see A/C.4/64/SR.15).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee held a closed interactive dialogue on the item with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

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6. In the course of the interactive dialogue, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support heard comments and responded to questions from Member States.